## Increase business ties between the U.S. and South Korea - Cosponsor Partner with Korea Act

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Request for Cosponsor(s)

Deadline for Original Cosponsors: Wed 3/13 COB

Dear Colleague,

Please join us as an original cosponsor of the Partner with Korea Act, which would help facilitate increased business opportunities through the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA) and strengthen the bond between the United States and South Korea.

South Korea is an essential American ally, and our Alliance is a cornerstone of U.S. national security and stability in East Asia. South Korea is also our sixth largest trading partner. Bilateral trade with Korea supports over 350,000 American jobs and South Korea is an important destination for American products ranging from cheese to automobiles.

We are reintroducing the Partner with Korea Act to build on the KORUS FTA and encourage greater ties between American and Korean businesses. This legislation would create an allotment of 15,000 E-4 high-skilled visas for Korean nationals to work in the United States. Similar visa allotments have been created following our free trade agreements with Australia and Singapore. Applicants must have specialized education and employment requiring such skills, and employers must ensure that the visa holders do not take jobs that American workers could fill.

Please join us in showing support for a strong U.S.-Korea alliance and enhancing the bilateral trade and investment opportunities created by the KORUS FTA. To become an original cosponsor of this bill, or if you have any questions, please contact Molly Cole (Molly Cole@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Connolly's office or James Walsh (James.Walsh@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Yoho's office by COB on Wednesday, March 13.

Best Regards,

Gerald E. Connolly

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